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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, QA  
SUBJ: SNAGS IN CAYMAN PURCHASE CONTRACT

REF: DOHA 0965

1. DURING AUG 19 CONVERSATION, GOQ DIRECTOR OF PETROLEUM AFFAIRS ALI JAIDAH NOTED THAT CAYMAN PETROLEUM MARKETING CORP HAS NOT YET STARTED LIFTINGS AND THAT COMPANY'S CRUDE PURCHASE CONTRACT (REPORTED REFTEL) IS IN SUSPENSE. JAIDAH SAID PERFORMANCE BOND HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED AND GOQ WILL NOT GIVE CAYMAN PETROLEUM PERMISSION TO LIFT BEFORE IT ARRIVES. HE STATED IF COMPANY IS ABLE TO COME UP WITH PERFORMANCE BOND, GOQ WILL PERMIT LIFTINGS WITHOUT BANK GUARANTEE FOR "SHORT PERIOD OF TIME". TWO TANKERS UNDER CHARTER TO CAYMAN HAVE BEEN WAITING AT UMM SAID TERMINAL (ONSHORE) AND HALUL ISLAND FOR OVER A WEEK AND JAIDAH SAID THAT DECISION HAS JUST BEEN MADE TO PERMIT TANKERS TO LOAD. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT SHIPS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SAIL WITHOUT PERFORMANCE BOND.

2. JAIDAH WAS DEFINITELY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT CAYMAN DEAL.  
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HE STATED THAT 185,000 BPD SPECIFIED IN CONTRACT IS TOO MUCH

FOR COMPANY OF CAYMAN'S SIZE TO HANDLE AND EXPRESSED DOUBT CONCERNING ABILITY OF COMPANY TO LIVE UP TO AGREEMENT. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOQ WOULD BE PROTECTED BY BANK GUARANTEE AND PERFORMANCE BOND IF CAYMAN DEFAULTS AND SAID CONTRACT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN AND IF THESE ARE ARRANGED.

3. COMMENT: PERFORMANCE BOND IS TWO WEEKS OVERDUE. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY ONE BANKING SOURCE HERE THAT DELAY MAY BE RESULT OF SECOND LONG, HARD LOOK BEING TAKEN AT CAYMAN PETROLEUM BY GUARANTORS OF BOND.  
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